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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-7 as follows:

- 1 1. (Amended) An electrode plate for a battery [characterized by using a  
2 current collector], the electrode plate comprising a [to the] surface [of which]  
3 having formed thereon an oxide layer, the oxide layer being formed by applying a  
4 boehmite treatment [is applied, in at least one of the] to the electrode plate surface  
5 [for positive electrode and electrode plate for negative electrode].
- 1 2. (Amended) [A battery using] The electrode plate as cited in Claim 1  
2 wherein the electrode plate is included in the [the electrode plate for] battery [as  
3 cited in Claim 1].

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